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In re the Application of: Masanori CHIKUBA, et al

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FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR GRINDING MAGNETIC MEMBER AND
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TREATING WASTE FLUID

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: April 16, 2002

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the
Office Action dated December 17, 2001 for one month from March 17, 2002 to April 17,
2002.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the cost of the extension
for a Large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper,
please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340. Two copies of this paper are enclosed
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Respectfully Submitted,

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